(iii) Muzaffarpur-Gorakhpur gauge conversion Spur between Sagauli & Raxaul—339 km.

They have been referred to Planning Commission for their approval and further action for sanctioning these works will be taken on receipt of approval and keeping in view the availability of resources.

(c) The proposal for gauge conversion of Rajkot-Veraval section is under consideration. There is, however, no proposal for its extension upto Kodinar.

Proposal to set up lower-budget hotels on the pattern of Ashok Yatri Niwas at Ahmedabad

1229. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up low-budget hotels on the pattern of Ashok Yatri Niwas at Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the other places where Government propose to set up such low budget hotels in the State of Gujarat in collaboration with Gujarat State Tourism Development Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) There is presently no proposal under consideration of ITDC to set up low budget hotel on the pattern of Ashok Yatri Niwas at Ahmedabad or at any other place in Gujarat.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Recovery of money from handling agents due to unloading of wagons

1230. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of money to be recovered from the Handling Agents of Steel Authority of India Ltd. operating at Delhi Stock yard, Tuglakabad, due to delay in unloading of wagons during the last six monhts;

(b) what steps are being taken by the Railways to recover the amount from the Handling Agents;

(c) whether any notice have been served on the SAIL/Handling Agents; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Demurrage charges accrued due to delay in unloading of wagons are levied on the consignee i.e. the Steel Authority of India and not on the Handling Agents.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Steel Authority of India Ltd. has been requested to clear the dues outstanding against them.

(d) Does not arise.

Non-availability of wagons

1231. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Wagons are not allotted to suppliers to supply their materials for Defence production;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the instructions have been issued to Station Masters not to accept the indents of wagons for Government supplies also; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.